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**Proposed Bill 5875
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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
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**RE: PROPOSED BILL 5875: AN ACT CLARIFYING AND UPDATING THE
MECHANISM BY WHICH WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS
ARE PAID UPON AN EMPLOYEE'S DEATH**

I am writing this letter in regard to our support of Representative Ryan's Proposed Bill 5875.

Our Committee has reviewed Proposed Bill 5875 and greatly supports this Bill. This Bill is important to recognize and update the rights of citizens in Civil Unions and to clarify existing Law dealing with an Estate's right to recover. An Estate's right to recover was laid out in the Supreme Court Case of Churchville v. Bruce R. Daly Mechanical Contractor et al., 299 Conn. 185 (Dec. 14, 2010) and this Bill just clarifies the existing state of the Law.

Wherefore, the Workers' Compensation Section of The Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) and the injured workers that we represent support Representative Ryan's Proposed Bill 5875.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

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